

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 1285

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TGEN, NO, SV  
SUBJ: NANSEN DRIFT STATION

REF: (A) OSLO 527, (B) OSLO 811, (C) STATE 063678

1. WE DO NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS THE NANSEN DRIFT STATION  
MATTER WITH MORGENBLADET REPORTER UNLESS NECESSARY.  
IN THE EVENT THAT HE RAISES THE ISSUE AGAIN, WE PLAN  
TO KEEP OUR REPLY GENERAL, STATING THAT THE MATTER  
IS STILL UNDERCONSIDERATION AND THAT IT IS NOT  
NOW POSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN A DECISION WILL BE REACHED.

2. BEYOND THIS SPECIFIC PRESS INQUIRY, HOWEVER, WE  
HAVE THE MORE PRESSING PROBLEM OF PERIODIC INQUIRIES  
FROM GON OFFICIALS. AS NOTED IN REF A, THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER GAINED THE IMPRESSION AT THE OCTOBER MEETINGS  
THAT THE DRIFT STATION WAS A HIGH PRIORITY USG  
PROJECT. OUR INABILITY TO GIVE EITHER A ROUGH TIME-  
TABLE OR AN EXPLANATION OF THE DELAY THAT REFLECTS  
SUCH PRIORITY, CASTS SOME SHADOW OVER OUR CREDIBILITY  
IN THIS MATTER.

3. AS POINTED OUT IN OSLO 527 (PARA 4), WE LACK A  
GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS  
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BESETTING THE NANSEN DRIFT STATION. NOW, IN STATE  
63678, WE READ THAT "NO AGENCY HAS DECIDED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN OR FUND ALL OR A PART OF THE PROJECT."  
DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH  
HAS WITHDRAWN ITS SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT?

4. BOTH FOR OUR OWN BACKGROUND AND FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS

WITH GON OFFICIALS, WE NEED SPECIFICS. IF THERE  
IS NO REALISTIC HOPE OF MOUNTING THE PROJECT, WE  
WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO LET THE GON KNOW AT AN  
EARLY DATE. IF THERE ARE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE  
PROJECTS, WE SHOULD BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THEM.  
AT ANY RATE, OUR PRESENT POSTURE ON THIS MATTER IS  
BECOMING A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO THE  
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